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Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Working Group on Monitoring the Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

Monitoring the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which the General Assembly adopted the Standard Rules on Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities,

Further recalling that the Rules are to be monitored within the framework of the sessions of the Commission for Social Development,

Bearing in mind that the purpose of the monitoring mechanism is to further the effective implementation of the Rules,

Noting with appreciation the appointment of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission for Social Development on Disability,

Also noting the establishment of the panel of experts to be consulted by the Special Rapporteur,

Noting with appreciation the generous voluntary contributions made by Member States to support the work of the Special Rapporteur,

Recalling that the Commission was requested to establish, at its thirty-fourth session, an open-ended working group to examine the Special Rapporteur's report and to make recommendations on how to improve the application of the Rules,

Having considered the oral report of the Special Rapporteur, made before the Commission at its thirty-fourth session,

Noting with satisfaction that the Rules are being introduced in a number of countries and that they play an important role in influencing policies and thinking at both the national and international levels,

Noting with concern that only a small number of States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations have responded to the first set of questions of the Special Rapporteur concerning the implementation of the Rules,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the oral report of the Special Rapporteur and the recommendations that he made;

2. Welcomes the general approach to monitoring by the Special Rapporteur to place emphasis on advice and support to States concerning implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities;

3. Encourages the Special Rapporteur to focus his monitoring efforts in the forthcoming two years on an appropriate number of priority areas, bearing in mind that the overall goal of the monitoring activity is to implement the Rules in their entirety;

4. Urges States to continue their efforts to implement the Rules;

5. Calls upon States to establish or strengthen national coordinating committees or similar bodies to serve as national focal points on disability matters;

6. Invites States to communicate to the Secretariat and to the Special Rapporteur the name, address and other relevant information on their national focal point to facilitate exchanges of information on the implementation of the Rules;

7. Strongly urges States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to cooperate closely with the Special Rapporteur and respond to his second questionnaire on implementation of the Rules;

8. Calls upon the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the Secretariat, as the United Nations focal point on disability issues, the United Nations Development Programme and other entities of the United Nations system, such as the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and inter-agency mechanisms, to cooperate with the Special Rapporteur in the implementation and monitoring of the Rules;

9. Calls upon States to participate actively in international cooperation concerning policies for equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities and for improvement of living conditions of persons with disabilities in developing countries;

10. Urges Governments to consider making further voluntary contributions to support the work of the Special Rapporteur;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to draw the present resolution to the attention of Member States;

12. Further requests the Secretary-General to circulate the report of the Special Rapporteur on monitoring the implementation of the Rules as an official document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly under item 107 of the preliminary list, social development.

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Follow-up to the International Year of the Family

Austria, Dominican Republic and Germany: draft resolution

Follow-up to the International Year of the Family

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/237 of 20 September 1993, in which, inter alia, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit specific proposals on the follow-up to the Year, including a draft plan of action, if deemed appropriate, to the Assembly at its fiftieth session,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the current status of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/237 on the International Year of the Family, 1/

Taking note of the United Nations Interregional Meeting of National Coordinators/Focal Points for the International Year of the Family, held at Bratislava from 4 to 7 February 1995,

1. Takes note of the intention of the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its fiftieth session, his specific proposals on the follow-up to the International Year of the Family, intended to serve as an indicative guide for action, primarily at the national and local levels.

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2. Requests the General Assembly to prepare a concise draft reflecting the outcome of the relevant United Nations conferences and national experiences of the International Year of the Family.

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Philippines*: draft resolution

Tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year and world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/103 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly decided, inter alia, to devote a plenary meeting at its fiftieth session to youth questions, as 1995 marked the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 47/85 of 16 December 1992, in which the Assembly emphasized the need for the preparation of a world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond, with a target orientation and within a specific time-frame,

Bearing in mind that, in resolution 49/152, the General Assembly:

(a) Requested the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-fourth session to consider further the draft world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond, as a matter of priority, and to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session,

(b) Decided to devote up to four plenary meetings at its fiftieth session to mark the anniversary of International Youth Year and to consider the world

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond with a view to adopting it,

(c) Invited Member States to participate in the plenary meetings at a high political level and requested the Secretary-General to schedule those meetings as close as possible to 24 October 1995 to facilitate such participation,

(d) Decided to designate, in 1995, an international youth day at the fiftieth session of the General Assembly,

Mindful that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1993/24, called upon the Commission for Social Development to give priority at its thirty-fourth session to the refinement of the draft world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond, and to establish an ad hoc informal open-ended working group on youth for this purpose, with a view to formulating a final draft to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council in 1995 and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session,

Considering that the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1993/24 requested the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the United Nations statement of intent on youth, which could become an integral part of the world programme of action for youth,

Having considered the report of the open-ended Working Group on Youth established by the Commission at its thirty-fourth session to formulate a final draft of the world programme of action for youth, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995 and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session,

Aware of the need for an extended time-frame in the light of the conditions and considerations set out in the report of the Working Group,

Recognizing the urgency of formulating the final draft of the world programme of action for youth to be considered by the General Assembly at high-level meetings at its fiftieth session, with a view to adopting it, in conformity with its resolution 49/152,

1. Decides to consider the final draft of the world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond, as a matter of priority, at a resumed session to be approved by the Economic and Social Council;

2. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council approve the resumption of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission for a period of two or three days prior to the resumed session of the Council, taking into account the provisions of General Assembly resolution 49/152;

3. Decides, for that purpose, to extend the open-ended Working Group on Youth, established by the Commission, to undertake inter-sessional consultations on the formulation of the final draft of the world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond for submission to the Commission at its resumed session;

4. Encourages the open-ended Working Group to incorporate in the final draft of the programme of action the main elements of the internationally agreed issues regarding youth as set out in the final documents of the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to schedule the high-level plenary meetings of the Assembly, as decided by the Assembly in its resolution 49/152, to take place following the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council;

6. Invites Member States that have not yet done so, to submit their national reports to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year;

7. Decides to consider the follow-up of the world programme of action for youth at its thirty-fifth session.